

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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APPARATUS AND HOT PRESS MOLDING  
METHOD  
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

EXAMINER:

In response to the Official Action dated December 31, 2009, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in light of the following amendments and remarks:

**In The Substitute Specification:**

Please amend paragraph [0039] of the Substitute Specification as indicated below and provided on a separate sheet: